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Application No.: 10/670,879

Filing Date: September 25, 2003

Applicant: Kirk W. Reimers et al.

Group Art Unit: 3671

Examiner: Robert E. Pezzuto

Title: ELECTRIC RIDING MOWER WITH MOTOR
GENERATOR SET AND NOISE ABATEMENT

Attorney Docket: 7016C-000096/COE

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AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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In response to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2004, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an one month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)
1051	130	2051	65
1052	50	2052	25
1053	130	1053	130
1812	2,520	1812	2,520
1804	920*	1804	920*
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*
1251	110	2251	55
1252	420	2252	210
1253	950	2253	475
1254	1,480	2254	740
1255	2,010	2255	1,005
1401	330	2401	165
1402	330	2402	165
1403	290	2403	145
1451	1,510	1451	1,510
1452	110	2452	55
1453	1,330	2453	665
1501	1,330	2501	665
1502	480	2502	240
1503	640	2503	320
1460	130	1460	130
1807	50	1807	50
1806	180	1806	180
8021	40	8021	40
1809	770	2809	385
1810	770	2810	385
1801	770	2801	385
1802	900	1802	900

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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1001	770	2001	385
1002	340	2002	170
1003	530	2003	265
1004	770	2004	385
1005	160	2005	80

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 0)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
20	-20 **	= 0	= 0
Independent Claims	2	-3 **	= 0
Multiple Dependent		X	= 0

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0)

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 110)

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